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A RESOLUTION honoring the Lawrence High School government class and teacher Drew Horvath on the occasion of their victory in the "We the People... the Citizen and the Constitution" 2002 competition.

Whereas, One of the goals of the "We the People... the Citizen and the Constitution" competition is to "promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's elementary and secondary students";

Whereas, Since the beginning of the We the People... program in 1987, more than 26 million students and 82,000 educators have participated, including members of Congress, businesses, professionals, and community organizations across the nation;

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Whereas, The We the People... program is based on a classroom curriculum that complements the regular school curriculum by providing upper elementary, middle, and high school students with an innovative course of instruction on the history and principles of constitutional democracy in the United States;

Whereas, The We the People... program was designed to include a wide range of students with varying abilities;

Whereas, Mr. Drew Horvath, the Government teacher at Lawrence Central High School, led his class to victory in the "We the People... the Citizen and the Constitution" competition, giving them the right to represent Indiana at the National Competition in May; and

Whereas, Involvement with the We the People... program allows students to develop a greater commitment to democratic principles and values and promotes political tolerance, and teachers such as Drew Horvath help to prepare the youth of the state of Indiana for a future that will encourage their understanding and participation in our democratic system of government: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

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SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates Drew Horvath and the Lawrence Central High School government class on their victory in the "We the People... the Citizen and the Constitution" competition and encourages Mr. Horvath to continue to instill in his students a commitment to democratic principles.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Drew Horvath and the members of the Lawrence Central High School team, Principal Caroline Hanna, Assistant Principal Barbara Brouwer, Assistant Principal Mary Anne Burden, Assistant Principal Shawn Wright-Browner, and Superintendent Michael Copper.

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